

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0079] and [0080] with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0079] The flowchart in Fig. 4 explains the operation of the power management unit 59 having no user authentication function. In step ~~1~~S1, an accessory-signal generating device 56 is switched off. Then, in step ~~2~~S2, it is determined whether there exists an access point through which communication with the wireless LAN device 58 is established. If the access point exists, operation of the flowchart continues to step ~~3~~S3. Otherwise, if the access point does not exist, operation jumps to step ~~[4]~~S4.

[0080] In step ~~3~~S3, the wireless LAN device 58 is switched to the intermittent standby state, and operation of the flowchart terminates. Conversely, in step ~~[4]~~S4, the flow of electric power to the wireless LAN device 58 is interrupted and operation of the flowchart terminates.

Please replace paragraphs [0083] - [0085] with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0083] The flowchart in Fig. 5 explains working of the power management unit 59 having a user-authentication function. In step ~~1~~S11, an accessory-signal generating device 56 is switched off. Then, in step ~~12~~S12, an access point is searched for. Next, in step ~~13~~S13, it is determined whether the wireless LAN device 58 is within communication coverage of the access point. If the wireless LAN device 58 is within the communication coverage of the access point, operation of the flowchart continues to step ~~14~~S14. However, if the wireless LAN device 58 is not within the communication coverage of the access point, operation jumps to step ~~17~~S17.

[0084] In step ~~14~~S14, a user's name and a password (authentication codes) are input. Then, in step ~~15~~S15, it is determined whether the input user's name and password are valid. If it is determined that the input user's name and password are valid, operation of the flowchart continues to step ~~16~~S16. However, if it is determined that the input user's name and password are invalid, operation jumps to step ~~17~~S17.

[0085] In step ~~16~~S16, the wireless LAN device 58 is switched to the intermittent standby state, and the operation of the flowchart terminates. In step ~~17~~S17, the flow of the electric power to the wireless LAN device 58 is interrupted, and the operation of the flowchart terminates.

Please replace paragraphs [0093] - [0095] with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0093] Next, the flowchart in Fig. 6 will be described in detail. In step 1S1, startup-signals are transmitted to the startup management unit 74. Then, in step 2S2, it is determined whether the accessory-signal generating device 56 is being switched on. If it is determined that the accessory-signal generating device 56 is on, then operation of the flowchart continues to step [4]S4. However, if it is determined that the accessory-signal generating device 56 is off, operation jumps to step 3S3.

[0094] In step 3S3, it is determined whether the startup management unit 74 receives the in-communication signals from the wireless LAN device 58. If it is determined that the in-communication signals are received in the startup management unit 74, operation of the flowchart continues to step [4]S4. However, if it is determined that no in-communication signals are received in the startup management unit 74, the startup management process is abandoned, and the operation of the flowchart is terminated.

[0095] In step [4]S4, a startup management process is started. Thus, in step 5S5, when the accessory-signal generating device 56 is determined to be switched on, every device and unit in the vehicle navigation apparatus 15 is entirely activated. When it is determined that the accessory-signal generating device 56 is switched off and in-communication signals from the wireless LAN device 58 are received in the startup management unit 74, only the data-receipt processing device is activated.